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What They Do with the Thistles. [Detroit Free Press.] As the reporter lolled on the oak-upholstered seat of one of Hendrie's marconcolored coaches the familiar driver pushed the door open, leaned his back on the north jam and began unloading his daily

budget of expressed information.

"Wimmin is mighty curus critters,"
was his exordium. "This road is goin' to pay a dividend if the latest a gony only holds out." "What 'a gony?' " wearily asked the reporter.
"Why, this thicksil snap."

"Thistle snap?" "Yes. Crowds on 'em go up every day to the 'prairie' and gather thicksils— bushels on 'em—and lug 'em home; but 1 dunno what they do with the pesky things-bile 'em, mebbe, for the blood or wash in the soup. Whatever 'tis, there's slashins on 'em up here every day."

As the driver had pumped himself dry on the subject, and was preparing himself for another effort on a less abstruse topic, the reporter left the car. Later, asking a lady acquaintance, who

never failed to be in the swim, what there was to the driver's yarn, he was laughingly informed that there was more truth than fiction in it.

"You see," said she, "we gather the thistles before they are fully ripe, and when we have them home, go to work and shuck them. After you have the outside covering off you have before you a boll somewhat resembling a cotton boll, only not so white. You then fasten them by their stems to a string, and hang them out in the sun to dry. If the wind has done its duty you will have one of the loveliest pompons imaginable. Their soft, fluffy appearance (somewhat resembling the exquisitely downy covering of young chickens, makes an ornamental effect on a fan to be hung on the wall, or any other device your ingenuity may suggest. They will last six months at least, so you see we do not have our trouble for our pains. They are not the easiest thing in the world to handle, but if you persevere you will be rewarded, when your design is completed, by the delight of your admiring friends. There is no expense attaching to the work, so if it is not rational it is reasonable."

The Flash Story Writers.

[New York Letter.] One would think that a clever person engaged in writing sensational stories for the weekly papers would be able to make a decent living. They certainly ought to but few of them do. There is a very great demand for this class of reading. and the publishers show every evidence of prosperity, but there is no money for the author. If he succeeds in getting enough to keep his soul and body together he is indeed fortunate. I used to read of the princely salaries Bonner, of The Ledger, paid some of his writers, and I got the impression that the person who wrote half a dozen or so of these sensational stories in a year enjoyed a comfortable income. But that was where I was wrong. Mrs. Southworth, John Halliburton, and a few writers of that character are well paid, but they are the few exceptions.

I was talking to the editor of certain cheap, popular publications the other day on this subject, and he said that a majorby of story-writers were women, who did not depend upon their pen for a living. The highly sensational ones, such as detective stories, are written mostly by broken-down journalists, who can not make a living on a daily newspaper. The price paid is from \$2 to \$5 per column. A great many stories are sent in, this gentleman said, for which no pay is asked, and about one in every ten of them can be used. A few of them will have a good plot, but it has to be reconstructed. The men who take these stories for elaboration are merely gifted with a lively imag ination. The work becomes very labori ous and can not be kept up very long at a time. There is nearly always at least one story at a time in these papers that has some literary merit. These are written principally by persons engaged upon the daily press. Poetry is better paid for by these publications than prose.

Incidents in Court. [Chambers' Journal]

From the dock have issued at various times witty sayings and pert remarks; and it is not an uncommon occurrence to find prisoners, whom pecuniary considerations prevent from employing counsel, exhibit wonderful tact and ingenuity on behalf of their cause. Doubtless every one has heard of the Irishman who, in reply to the ques-tion, "Guilty or not guilty?" said "he would like to hear the evidence before he would

"Which way did these stairs run?" a witness was once asked; and his reply was that "it depended on circumstances. If you were at the bottom they run up; but if you are on the top, they run down. "If you don't stop that coughing," said an irritable judge to anold gentleman in court, "I will fine you £100." "I will give your lordship £200 if you will stop it for me,"

was the quick reply.
"Prisoner at the bar," said a judge, "is there anything you would wish to say before sentence is passed upon you?' The prisoner looked toward the door, and remarked that he would like to say "good evening," if it was agreeable to the com-

One of the most noted criminal lawyers in the country, while pleading the cause of his client, is often overcome by his innocence and wrongs, and is obliged to sit down and recover bimself. "Don't you think," said a judge to him, "that the jury have found out your movements by this?" "Ah, sole Proprietors and Manufacturers of the cele-you forget," said the barrister; "it is always a new jury before whom I play,"

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